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**COMMUNICATION IN RESPONSE TO SEPTEMBER 30, 2002 OFFICE ACTION AND  
PETITION FOR A ONE-MONTH EXTENSION OF TIME**

This Communication is submitted in response to the Office Action issued September 30, 2002 by the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office in connection with the above-identified application. A response to the September 30, 2002 Office Action was due October 30, 2002. Applicants hereby petition for a one-month extension of time in which to respond to the September 30, 2002 Office Action. The fee for a one-month extension of time for a small entity is FIFTY-FIVE DOLLARS (\$55.00) and a check in this amount is enclosed. With a one-month extension of time, a response to the September 30, 2002 Office Action is due November 30, 2002. Accordingly, this Communication is being timely filed.

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